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Funding Formula Free For all

By NATALIE FOLSTER

Students and faculty in Saint John are voicing their anger over the method used to divide government funds between the two campuses of the University of New Brunswick.

Their target is a new report prepared by the ad hoc committee of the Board of Governors on the Inter-Campus Allocation of Provincial Government Operating Grants. The committee is comprised of UNB President, Dr. James Downey; Ed Graham, President of Brunco Inc. of Saint John; and A. J. O'Connor, General Manager of the NB Electric Power Commission. It has recommended the continuation of a policy of allocation, adopted by the Board in 1985, which will cut a total of 3.2 million dollars from UNBSJ's operating budget by 1991.

Under this system, 25 percent of the available funds are allotted on the basis of enrolment figures. The remaining 75 percent is a base grant, determined chiefly by historical funding patterns. Previous to 1985, money was awarded strictly on

the basis of enrolment. This scheme allowed the rapidly expanding Saint John campus to receive corresponding increases in funding. Now, according to student union president Tony Logan, UNBSJ is "being penalized for growing".

He foresees the university ultimately having to take one or more of the following steps as a consequence of the continued use of this formula:

- cut back academic programmes
- limit enrolment
- reduce non-academic services.

"\$3 Million is nothing to UNBF"

Gogan fears that the final result will be that fewer people will have an opportunity to get an education. Most UNBSJ students are from the Saint John area. Over half are part-time, and many work full-time and/or support a family. They cannot afford to go elsewhere.

Dr. Downey admits that it is possible that programs and enrolment may have to be

limited in Saint John in the future, but notes that this has already happened in Fredericton. Enrolment in Engineering, Law, Education, and Nursing has been restricted due to insufficient funding. He defends the committee's position as the only fair means to distribute severely

Separate Grants

limited resources between the two campuses. He claims that for seven years (previous to 1985), the method used by the Board of Governors favoured Saint John. It amounted to a transfer of funds from Fredericton to Saint John - a subsidy.

Dr. Downey says that the consequences of reinstating the enrolment based formula that the students desire would provide the university with no protection against predicted decline in enrolments (and subsequent drops in funding). In addition, the report cites intense inter-university competition for students and a drop in educational standards in the region as a likely result of such a move.

"The real problem is not with

the way of allocation, but with the amount we have to allocate." Until such time as the Maritime Higher Education Commission agrees to UNB's request for separate grants for its two campuses, the committee recommends that the MHEC formula be employed by the Board of Governors in divvying up their money.

In the meantime, students and faculty at UNBSJ must

come to terms with a substantial budget cut. Gogan sums up the situation by saying, "The 3.2 million that we are losing will go to Fredericton. We have an annual grant of 6 million from the government. Fredericton gets 48 million. 3 million is nothing to UNB Fredericton. Losing it will be catastrophic to UNBSJ."

The Board of Governors will reach a decision on the matter when they meet January 18.

What a Pain

Route 11S Southwood Park (via Windsor, Prospect & Skyline Acres)
Carisle Rd. > Sunset Drive > Main St > Kings Place > Windsor > Malls > Skyline Acres > Southwood Park

Saturday Service Does Not Include These Trips

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They Changed It Again

By Maureen Banks

Once again Fredericton Transit has revised its scheduling process. The revision was implemented December 14 as a result of problems with traffic.

Although the frequency of the buses has not changed, a new route has been introduced. There is now a bus running from Kings Place, to the University, to Prospect Street.

Frank Hawkins, supervisor of Fredericton Transit said that schedules should be out by the end of next week. This will be a relief to the thousands of people who have been waiting for buses, oblivious to the new schedule.

Lawrence Rubin, a second year law student at UNB confessed he was unaware of the recent changes and added "I thought they operated randomly." So far, Fredericton

Transit has received no real negative feedback regarding the recent changes.

In the case of a storm the service will continue on the same schedule. Hawkins insisted that "Fredericton Transit will only consider cancelling in the case of an extremely bad storm." Last year there were no cancellations.

Fredericton Transit underwent other changes on August 10 of last year. This revision was the first one to occur in over two years. Changes occurred because the transit was not adequately accommodating certain areas. A new service was introduced to Hanwell Road and Greenwood Trailer Park, and buses were increased during the peak period to the Lincoln area.

Roving around

currently as Ambassador, and Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States (OAS).

stitutions such as the Economic Commission for Latin America.

Mr. Gorham will serve con-

A former UNB student, Mr. Richard V. Gorham has been named as roving Ambassador for Latin America.

In announcing this appointment, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark recalled his commitment earlier this year to further develop and reinforce Canada's relations with the countries of Latin America.

Mr. Richard Gorham, born in Fredericton in 1927, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1952 and has served in Tokyo, New Delhi, Cambodia, and was Ambassador to China from 1984 to 1987.

In Latin America, Mr. Gorham will be responsible for projecting Canadian policy and for representing the Government within Canada as well as Latin America. He will also maintain an active liaison role with select regional in-

Ritting skills

Thinking of venturing back to university, but worried about your rusty writing skills? English 1013 is the perfect primer.

For the third year in succession, the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton is offering a special half-year writing course for people returning to school. Beginning in January, part-time students can earn credits towards their degrees while learning the basics of good writing. Enrolment is limited. Anyone interested is advised to contact UNB's department of extension and summer session immediately.

"People tend to think the English 1013 is a grammar course--and therefore boring," said Instructor Daizal Samad. "I try to find various ways of making the course more exciting. Last year, for example, I brought in prints, music and videos for the students to write about."

English 1013 is just one of UNB's many degree courses designed especially for adults returning to university. For further information, telephone 453-4646 or drop by Room 121 in MacLaggan Hall. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday and until 5 p.m. on Friday.